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AMENDMENT

In response to the action mailed 5/24/02, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 26 as follows:

1. An oral care device, comprising:

particulate;

a toothbrush including a head and one or more bristles extending from the head;

a handle from which the head extends;

a conduit for supplying water, said particulate and pressured air to the head at the same time such that the water, particulate and pressured air can be sprayed onto the teeth from the head to enhance cleaning, wherein the handle includes a switch for controlling the flow of water, said particulate and pressured air to the head.

26. The oral care device of claim 1, wherein the toothbrush includes a supply of the water and particulate in the form of a slurry, the slurry being stored in the handle.

Remarks

The Examiner has indicated that if claim 3 is found to be allowable, claims 4 and 5 will be objected to as substantial duplicates of claim 3. Applicants disagree. Claim 3 depends from claim 1 and indicates that the conduit is at least partially within the **handle**. Claim 4 depends from claim 3 and thus requires that the conduit is at least partially within the **head and partially within the handle**. Claim 5 depends from claim 1 and indicates that the conduit is at least partially within the **head**. Thus, claims 4 and 5 are not substantial duplicates of claim 3.